

**California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care
Public Hearing on Draft Recommendations**

May 14, 2008

10:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Milton Marks Auditorium
Administrative Office of the Courts
455 Golden Gate Avenue
San Francisco, California

I. Welcome and Opening Remarks (10:00–10:15 a.m.)

- Hon. Leonard Edwards (Ret.), Member of the California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care
Judge-in-Residence, Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Administrative Office of the Courts

**II. Testimony on Prevention and Permanency Recommendations:
*“Keep families together whenever safe and possible” (10:15–11:00 a.m.)***

- Mark Courtney, Executive Director, Partners for Our Children; Ballmer Endowed Chair for Child Well-Being, School of Social Work, University of Washington
- Zionya, Student
- Karen J. Mathis, Immediate Past President, American Bar Association

**III. Testimony on Court Reform Recommendations:
*“Change the way juvenile courts do business” (11:00–12:00 p.m.)***

- Hon. Arnold Rosenfield, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Sonoma
- Patricia Fitzsimmons, Director, Child Advocacy Clinic, University of San Francisco School of Law; Certified Child Welfare Law Specialist
- Keitha Wallin, Human Service Worker & Parent
- Kathleen Casela, Emancipated Foster Youth & Young Adult Advocate of MHA-SF

IV. Lunch Break (12:00–12:45 p.m.)

V. Testimony on Collaboration and Resources and Funding Recommendations:
“Increase collaboration between courts and their partners”
“Provide the resources to get the job done” (12:45–1:30 p.m.)

- Hon. Colleen Nichols, Judge of the Superior Court of California, County of Placer
- Andrew Signey, Assistant Secretary, California Health and Human Services Agency
- Phil Crandall, Director, Health & Human Services Agency, Humboldt County
- Alan Pardini, Senior Advisor, The League of California Community Foundations

VII. Public Comments at Large (1:30–2:30 p.m.)

VIII. Concluding Remarks (2:30 p.m.)

- Hon. Carlos R. Moreno, Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of California
Chair, California Blue Ribbon Commission on Children in Foster Care